

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 127

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SYNOPSIS

Urges municipalities to implement complete streets policy to improve quality of life in communities across State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging municipalities to implement a
2 complete streets policy in order to improve the quality of life in
3 communities across this State.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The “complete streets” policy is a way to provide safe
6 access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public
7 transportation users of all ages and abilities to be able to move
8 along and across streets using a comprehensive, integrated, and
9 connected multi-modal network of transportation options; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Under previous transportation policy and design
11 approaches, non-motorists were not fully considered; however,
12 under the “complete streets” policy, greater consideration is given
13 to pedestrian, bicyclist, and public transportation user needs during
14 the planning process; and

15 **WHEREAS**, A complete streets policy may include smooth, wide, and
16 safe sidewalks that are accessible to persons with disabilities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Complete streets policies may also include dedicated bike
18 lanes, two-way left turn lanes to reduce vehicle accidents, and
19 clearly marked crosswalks to ensure pedestrian safety; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Other features of the complete streets policy may include
21 planting trees and landscaping to improve roadway aesthetics, as
22 well as building parks for community interaction; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT)
24 adopted a complete streets policy in 2009; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The DOT strongly encourages local jurisdictions that apply
26 for funding through the local aid program to adopt complete streets
27 policies; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Municipalities that implement a complete streets policy
29 may be eligible for DOT grants to help implement the policy; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Implementation of a complete streets policy enhances
31 mobility and accessibility by improving the quality and availability
32 of connections between residences, schools, parks, public
33 transportation, offices, and retail destinations; and

34 **WHEREAS**, The connections listed above help to encourage livability
35 and walkability which, in turn, help to develop a sense of
36 community; and

37 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper, and in the public interest,
38 for this House to respectfully urge municipalities to implement a
39 complete streets policy in order to improve the quality of life in
40 communities across this State; now, therefore,

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
43 Jersey:

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45 1. This House respectfully urges municipalities to implement a
46 complete streets policy in order to improve the quality of life in
47 communities across this State.

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2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the mayor or chief executive of each municipality in this State.

STATEMENT

8 This resolution urges municipalities to implement complete
9 streets policies in order to improve the quality of life in
10 communities across this State. The “complete streets” policy is a
11 way to provide safe access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and
12 public transportation users of all ages and abilities to be able to
13 move along and across streets using a comprehensive, integrated,
14 and connected multi-modal network of transportation options.